

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate began consideration of the impeachment proceedings of Samuel B. Kent, Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

The House passed H.R. 2892, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1332–1347, and S. Res. 202–205. **Pages S6992–93**

Measures Passed:

Issuance of Summons and Related Procedures for Impeachment Against Judge Samuel B. Kent: Senate agreed to S. Res. 202, to provide for issuance of a summons and for related procedures concerning the articles of impeachment against Samuel B. Kent.

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Appointment of Committee for Impeachment Against Judge Samuel B. Kent: Senate agreed to S. Res. 203, to provide for the appointment of a committee to receive and to report evidence with respect to articles of impeachment against Judge Samuel B. Kent.

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Enhanced Partnership with Pakistan Act: Senate passed S. 962, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to promote an enhanced strategic partnership with Pakistan and its people, after agreeing to the committee amendments.

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John Arthur “Jack” Johnson Sense of the Congress: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 29, expressing the sense of the Congress that John Arthur “Jack” Johnson should receive a posthumous pardon for the racially motivated conviction in 1913 that diminished the athletic, cultural, and historic significance of Jack Johnson and unduly tarnished his reputation, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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African American Bone Marrow Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 205, supporting the goals and ideals of African American Bone Marrow Awareness Month.

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Measures Considered:

Impeachment of Judge Samuel B. Kent: Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, began consideration of the impeachment proceedings of Samuel B. Kent, Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, taking the following action:

Subsequently, the Senate received the managers appointed by the House of Representatives who presented and exhibited Articles of Impeachment against Samuel B. Kent, Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, and the oath was administered to Senators by the Acting President pro tempore.

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Appointments:

Impeachment Trial Committee: The Chair, upon the recommendations of the Majority Leader, and in accordance with the resolution on the appointment of an impeachment trial committee, appointed the following Senators to the Impeachment Trial Committee: Senators McCaskill (Chairman), Klobuchar, Whitehouse, Udall (NM), Shaheen, and Kaufman.

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Impeachment Trial Committee: The Chair, upon the recommendations of the Republican Leader, and in accordance with the resolution on the appointment of an impeachment trial committee, appointed the following Senators to the Impeachment Trial Committee: Senators Martinez (Vice-Chairman), DeMint, Barrasso, Wicker, Johanns, and Risch.

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Impeachment Trial Committee and Impeachment Rule XI: The Chair, upon the recommendations of the two Leaders, and pursuant to the resolution on the appointment of an impeachment trial committee and Impeachment Rule XI, appointed the following Senators to be members of the committee to receive and report evidence in the impeachment of Judge Samuel B. Kent: Senators McCaskill (Chair), Klobuchar, Whitehouse, Udall (NM), Shaheen, Kaufman, Martinez (Vice-Chairman), DeMint, Barrasso, Wicker, Johanns, and Risch.

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Message From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008, with respect to the current existence and risk of the proliferation of weapons-usable fissile material on the Korean Peninsula; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–26)

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Koh Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Harold Koh, to be Legal Advisor of the Department of State.

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 65 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 212), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, June 25, 2009, and that any time during any adjournment or period of morning business count post-cloture.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

James Legarde Hudson, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

John Victor Roos, of California, to be Ambassador to Japan.

James B. Smith, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Routine lists in the Air Force and Army.

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Messages From the House:

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Quorum Calls:

One quorum call was taken today. (Total—2)

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—212)
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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:55 a.m. and adjourned at 6:46 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S7023–24.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2010.

AUTHORIZATION: DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2010.

TRANSPARENCY IN HEALTH INSURANCE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine consumer choices and transparency in the health insurance industry, after receiving testimony from Nancy Metcalf, Consumer Reports, Yonkers, New York; Karen Pollitz, Georgetown University Health Policy Institute, Washington, DC; and Wendell Potter, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Colin Scott Cole Fulton, of Maryland, to be